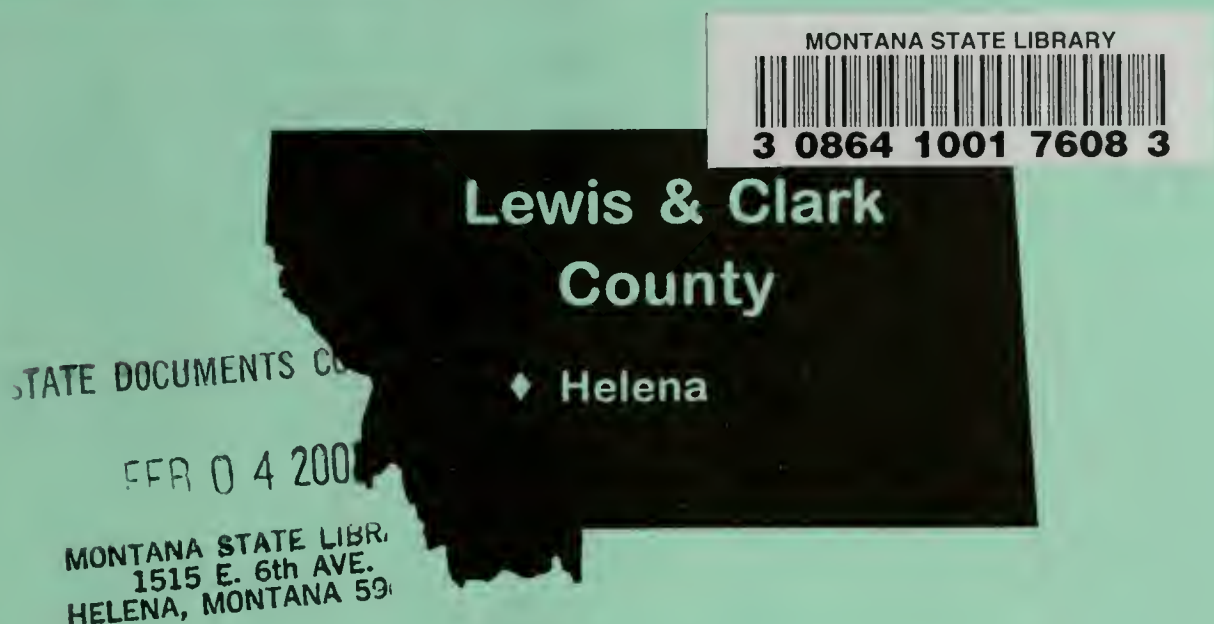


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## Department of Labor and Industry Labor Market Information for



### Cities and Towns in Lewis & Clark County

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Craig     ♦     East Helena     ♦     Fort Harrison     ♦     Helena  
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# Lewis & Clark County

Located in western Montana, Lewis & Clark County is Montana's sixth most populous with 56,094 residents, according to the 2001 estimates produced by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Helena, the county seat and state capital, is the state's sixth largest city with a population of 25,780. The city is located at the junction of Interstate 15 and U.S. Highways 12 and 287, halfway between Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1865, was one of the first nine territorial counties and was originally named Edgerton County for the first territorial Governor Sidney Edgerton. The authors say Helena was named after Helena, Minnesota, by former resident of Minnesota John Somerville.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Lewis and Clark County households in 1999 was \$37,360. The county is 3,497.6 square miles in area; 3,461 square miles in land area and 36.6 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Western Regional Climate Center*, the average daily low in Helena in January between 1971 and 2000 was 9.9 degrees above zero. The average daily high in July was 83.4 degrees above. The annual precipitation during the same period was 11.32 inches and the growing season was from May 14 to Sept. 19 (last and first frost).

## Lewis & Clark County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	2001 Census Estimate	2000 Census	1990 Census	1980 Census	% Change '00 to '01	% Change '90 to '00	% Change '80 to '90
Montana	904,433	902,195	799,065	786,690	0.2%	12.9%	1.6%
Lewis & Clark County	56,094	55,716	47,495	43,039	10.4%	17.3%	10.4%
East Helena	NA	1,642	1,538	1,647	NA	6.8%	-6.6%
Helena	NA	25,780	24,609	23,938	NA	4.8%	2.8%

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

NA = not available

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**Top 20 Private Employers In Lewis & Clark County**

*Listed In Alphabetical Order*

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Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau.

Second Quarter 2002 Unemployment Insurance Information.

This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads, tribal entities and city, county, state and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.



Annual Average Labor Force For Lewis & Clark County				
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Unem- ployment Rate
2001	27,889	26,682	1,207	4.3%
2000	28,407	27,194	1,213	4.3%
1999	28,120	26,848	1,272	4.5%
1998	28,186	26,832	1,354	4.8%
1997	28,079	26,679	1,400	5.0%
1996	27,575	26,323	1,252	4.5%
1995	27,536	26,112	1,424	5.2%
1994	27,520	26,385	1,135	4.1%
1993	26,880	25,500	1,380	5.1%
1992	26,490	25,010	1,480	5.6%
1991	25,720	24,250	1,470	5.7%
1990	25,554	24,404	1,150	4.5%
1989	25,783	24,567	1,216	4.7%
1988	26,031	24,542	1,489	5.7%
1987	26,679	24,931	1,748	6.6%
1986	26,268	24,521	1,747	6.7%
1985	25,719	23,980	1,739	6.8%
1984	24,950	23,317	1,633	6.5%
1983	26,262	24,364	1,898	7.2%
1982	25,930	24,074	1,856	7.2%
1981	25,583	24,102	1,481	5.8%
1980	24,715	23,474	1,241	5.0%
1979	24,472	23,309	1,163	4.8%
1978	24,406	23,049	1,357	5.6%
1977	22,730	21,589	1,141	5.0%
1976	20,077	19,155	922	4.6%
1975	18,510	17,626	884	4.8%
1974	17,987	17,136	851	4.7%
1973	17,338	16,590	748	4.3%
1972	16,912	16,293	619	3.7%
1971	16,122	15,486	636	3.9%
1970	15,725	15,185	540	3.4%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (2002 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Gender 2000 Census Employed Persons 16 Years Old and Older - Lewis & Clark County			
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,651</b>	<b>14,555</b>	<b>14,096</b>
<b>Management, Professional and Related Occupations</b>	<b>11,350</b>	<b>5,629</b>	<b>5,721</b>
Management, Business, Financial Operations Occupations	4,852	2,668	2,184
Management (Except Farmers and Farm Managers)	2,610	1,559	1,051
Farmers and Farm Managers	312	270	42
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	1,930	839	1,091
Professional and Related Occupations	6,498	2,961	3,537
Education, Training and Library Occupations	1,509	382	1,127
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	1,262	325	937
<b>Service Occupations</b>	<b>4,217</b>	<b>1,856</b>	<b>2,361</b>
Protective Service Occupations	516	422	94
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	1,626	801	825
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	701	431	270
Personal Care and Service Occupations	972	150	822
<b>Sales and Office Occupations</b>	<b>7,886</b>	<b>2,540</b>	<b>5,346</b>
Sales and Related Occupations	2,883	1,473	1,410
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	5,003	1,067	3,936
<b>Farming, Fishing and Forestry Occupations</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Construction, Extraction and Maintenance Occupations</b>	<b>2,358</b>	<b>2,255</b>	<b>103</b>
Construction and Extraction Occupations	1,452	1,408	44
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Occupations	906	847	59
<b>Production, Transportation and Material Moving Occupations</b>	<b>2,548</b>	<b>2,054</b>	<b>494</b>
Production Occupations	1,085	785	300
Motor Vehicle Operators	710	610	100
Material Moving Workers	588	497	91

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (C0-ROMI).

⇒ **Chambers of Commerce:**  
Helena Chamber, 225 Cruse, Helena, MT 59601, 406-442-4120  
Lincoln Chamber, P O Box 985, Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4313

⇒ **Department of Labor and Industry**  
**Helena Job Service Workforce Center**  
715 Front St., P. O. Box 201503, Helena, MT 59620, 406-447-3200,  
<http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/local/helena/>  
**Helena Unemployment Claims Telephone Center**  
P. O. Box 201502, Helena, MT 59620-1502, 406-444-2545  
**Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau Publications & Website**  
For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at <http://trad.dli.state.mt.us/>.

⇒ **Economic Development:**  
Gateway Economic Development Corp., 1015 Poplar St., Helena, MT 59601, 406-447-1510  
Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, State Capitol, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-5634  
Montana Chamber of Commerce, P O Box 1730, Helena, MT 59624, 406-442-2405  
Montana Community Foundation, 101 N. Last Chance Gulch, #211, Helena, MT 59601, 406-443-8313  
Montana Department of Agriculture, P O Box 200201, Helena, MT 59620-0201, 406-444-2402  
Montana Department of Commerce, Economic Development, 301 S. Park Ave., Helena, MT 59601, 406-841-2700  
U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development, P O Box 378, Helena, MT 59601, 406-449-5380

⇒ **Housing Costs:**  
Helena Association of Realtors, Multiple Listing Service, 1361 Elm St., Suite 5, Helena, MT 59601, 406-449-3835

⇒ **Internet:**  
Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>  
For information on the Internet about cities and towns of Augusta, Canyon Creek, Craig, East Helena, Fort Harrison, Helena, Lincoln, Marysville and Wolf Creek go to <http://www.visitmt.com> and click on "cities and towns"

⇒ **Montana Motor Vehicle Division:**  
**Drivers' Licensing**  
Helena-2708 Billings Ave. (behind Wal-Mart), 406-443-3680

⇒ **Newspapers:**  
*Helena Independent Record*, P O. Box 4249, Helena, MT 59604, 406-447-4000, <http://www.helenair.com>  
*Queen City News*, 715 Getchell, lower level, Helena, MT 59601, 406-443-3678, <http://www.queencitynews.com>  
*Blackfoot Valley Dispatch*, P O. Box 427, Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4975

⇒ **Public Libraries:**  
Lewis & Clark Library Augusta Branch, 205 Main Street, Augusta, MT 59410-0387, 406-562-3348  
Lewis & Clark Library East Valley Branch, 400 N. Kalispell, East Helena, MT 59635, 406-227-5750  
Lewis & Clark Public Library, 120 S. Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59601-4133, 406-447-1690  
Lewis & Clark Library Lincoln Branch, 102 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4300

⇒ **Postsecondary Education Institutions:**  
**Montana University System**  
Helena College of Technology of the University of Montana, 1115 N. Roberts St., Helena, MT 59601, 406-444-6800 or 800-241-4882, <http://www.hct.umontana.edu/>  
**Independent College**  
Carroll College, 1601 N. Benton Ave., Helena, MT 59625, 406-447-4300, 800-992-3648, <http://www.carroll.edu>

⇒ **Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:**  
Auchard Creek Elementary, 9605 Highway 287, Wolf Creek, MT 59648-8637, 406-562-3528  
Augusta Public Schools, P O Box 307, Augusta, MT 59410, 406-562-3384  
Craig Elementary, 375 Augusta St., Craig, MT 59648-8738, 406-235-4239  
East Helena Elementary, P O Box 1280, East Helena, MT 59635, 406-227-7700  
Helena Public Schools, 555 Rodney, Helena, MT 59601-5763, 406-447-8510  
Lincoln K-12 Schools, P O Box 39, Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4201  
Trinity Elementary, P O Box 523, Canyon Creek, MT 59633, 406-458-6164  
Wolf Creek Elementary, c/o 8 J Young, Box 200, Wolf Creek, MT 59648, 406-235-4374

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Lewis and Clark County Employment By Industry* Annual Averages 2001							
	# of Estab- lish- ments	Average Annual Employ- ment	Annual Wages Paid		# of Estab- lish- ments	Average Annual Employ- ment	Annual Wages Paid
Industry				Industry			
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	2,327	28,828	\$811,844,867	Food Stores	37	664	\$10,727,572
PRIVATE BUSINESS	2,199	20,048	\$493,348,611	Auto Dealers-Service Stations	63	562	\$15,204,406
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISH	47	274	\$4,227,365	Apparel & Accessories	19	74	\$739,922
Agriculture Production/Livestock	10	64	\$1,202,260	Furniture Stores	51	256	\$4,863,245
Agriculture Services	30	138	\$1,989,698	Eating & Drinking	164	2,070	\$17,989,262
MINING	6	20	\$343,961	Miscellaneous Retail	86	569	\$9,492,732
Mining & Quarrying Nonmetal	3	17	\$306,294	FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	220	2,035	\$72,045,511
CONSTRUCTION	258	1,301	\$40,906,671	Banking	32	591	\$18,404,566
General Building	73	506	\$14,883,570	Credit Agencies	15	157	\$5,295,607
Heavy Construction	16	162	\$7,224,924	Security & Commodity	12	39	\$2,754,477
Special Trade	168	633	\$18,798,177	Insurance Agents	33	195	\$7,982,426
MANUFACTURING	68	945	\$27,266,809	Real Estate	90	262	\$5,118,175
Lumber	12	62	\$1,759,930	SERVICES	950	8,204	\$206,705,678
Printing-Publishing	12	239	\$5,921,112	Hotels & Lodging	32	456	\$5,405,675
Chemicals	6	128	\$5,594,716	Personal Services	36	199	\$2,859,704
Stone-Clay-Glass	5	71	\$2,432,108	Business Services	134	675	\$24,391,644
Fabricated Metals	3	6	\$190,253	Auto Repair Services	52	196	\$4,024,499
Nonelectrical Machinery	3	44	\$1,276,679	Miscellaneous Repair Services	21	54	\$1,405,657
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	5	37	\$946,607	Motion Pictures	6	64	\$567,436
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	93	1,164	\$40,597,630	Amusement & Recreation	59	572	\$6,286,655
Trucking-Warehousing	32	358	\$11,809,089	Health Services	139	2,050	\$63,383,632
Water Transportation	5	13	\$201,056	Legal Services	52	227	\$8,340,492
Air Transportation	10	182	\$4,142,939	Educational Services	19	357	\$8,598,352
Transportation Services	8	25	\$620,407	Social Services	100	1,340	\$22,210,920
Communications	20	366	\$17,185,104	Membership Organizations	127	846	\$21,062,565
Electricity, Gas, Sanitation	10	100	\$5,197,568	Engineering Services	144	854	\$34,424,352
WHOLESALE TRADE	92	760	\$24,157,538	Private Households	17	17	\$204,655
Durable Goods	54	377	\$13,586,341	GOVERNMENT	128	8,780	\$318,496,258
Non-durable Goods	37	383	\$10,561,197	State	34	5,218	\$177,790,505
RETAIL TRADE	459	5,338	\$77,033,735	Local	41	2,129	\$66,207,865
Building Materials-Garden	26	183	\$4,302,059	Federal	53	1,432	\$74,497,868
General Merchandise	10	957	\$13,714,477				

	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1980	1970
U.S.	\$29,469	\$27,843	\$26,893	\$25,412	\$24,270	\$23,255	\$22,340	\$21,539	\$20,962	\$20,023	\$19,572	\$10,183	\$4,095
Montana	\$22,518	\$21,490	\$21,225	\$19,920	\$19,173	\$18,592	\$17,995	\$17,968	\$17,045	\$16,471	\$15,516	\$9,143	\$3,625
% of National													
Average	76%	77%	79%	78%	79%	80%	81%	83%	81%	82%	79%	90%	89%
Lewis & Clark County	\$25,153	\$24,019	\$23,530	\$22,213	\$21,686	\$20,825	\$20,032	\$19,238	\$18,509	\$17,804	\$16,906	\$10,352	\$4,236
% of National													
Average	85%	86%	87%	87%	89%	90%	90%	89%	88%	89%	86%	102%	103%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 2002.

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Count of Persons by Age, Race and Sex (2000 Census)																
School Age		American Indian & Alaska Native				Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone				Some Other Race		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race		
		White Alone		Black Alone		Alone		Islander Alone		Alone		Races				
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	5,118	2,492	19	9	143	76	19	11	26	10	165	79	126	61		
12-14	2,444	1,229	8	5	71	29	22	12	12	5	59	29	52	22		
15-17	2,559	1,233	4	2	68	39	12	7	15	10	69	35	63	36		
18-21	2,777	1,368	8	3	61	34	18	10	14	11	54	28	70	38		
Total	12,898	6,322	39	19	343	178	71	40	67	36	347	171	311	157		
Working & Voting Age		American Indian & Alaska Native				Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone				Some Other Race		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race		
		White Alone		Black Alone		Alone		Islander Alone		Alone		Races				
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	41,442	21,324	67	20	808	415	256	149	140	80	529	261	533	292		
16-64	35,040	17,652	58	15	743	376	232	131	137	78	499	248	504	277		
18+	39,763	20,504	65	19	762	390	248	145	129	74	481	238	489	267		
18-64	33,361	16,832	56	14	697	351	224	127	126	72	451	225	460	252		
Other Age Group		American Indian & Alaska Native				Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone				Some Other Race		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race		
		White Alone		Black Alone		Alone		Islander Alone		Alone		Races				
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	3,162	1,551	15	8	93	39	14	10	27	10	124	56	113	50		
5-17	10,121	4,954	31	16	282	144	53	30	53	25	293	143	241	119		
18-44	19,215	9,830	43	11	467	237	164	88	95	58	308	155	339	183		
45-64	14,146	7,002	13	3	230	114	60	39	31	14	143	70	121	69		
65+	6,402	3,672	9	5	65	39	24	18	3	2	30	13	29	15		
Total	53,046	27,009	111	43	1,137	573	315	185	209	109	898	437	843	438		
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) 100-Percent Data																
Compiled by: Census & Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, September 2001																

Lewis & Clark County			
County of Residence	# Who Work in Lewis & Clark County	County of Work	# Who Live in Lewis & Clark County
Out of State	134	Out of State	163
Broadwater County	192	Broadwater County	24
Cascade County	90	Cascade County	97
Gallatin County	124	Gallatin County	73
Jefferson County	1,466	Jefferson County	389
Lewis & Clark County	22,028	Lewis & Clark County	22,026
Missoula County	88	Missoula County	63
Powell County	82	Silver Bow County	38
Silver Bow County	34	Other Montana Counties	88
Teton County	38		
Yellowstone County	21		
Other Montana Counties	122		

Source. 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.